

BAT NELSON A REAL FINANCIER

THIS ALL-AMERICAN TEAM OF ATHLETES

Dawson Robertson, Noted Coach of Irish-American A. C.,
Picks Twenty-Three Men Who Ought to Beat
World at Olympic Meet.

BY LAWSON ROBERTSON.

HERE'S my idea of the greatest team of athletes in America today. In open competition the list of stars and champions I mention below have earned their undisputed right to be classed as an All-American team for 1911. Not only has this team demonstrated its superiority this year, but it will probably be this wonderful aggregation of stars that Uncle Sam will depend upon to uphold the prestige of the United States against the nations of the world in the Olympic games to be held in Stockholm this coming July.

Because of the approach of the Olympic games there has been an unprecedented interest manifested in athletics of all kinds this season. Attendance has been greater and the number of entrants in the various games has never been surpassed in this country. As a consequence of the increased number of athletes striving on the tracks it was a difficult matter to select men that have excelled at their particular specialty.

It was very easy to pick stars like John Paul Jones and Platt Adams. These wonders are without peers in their specialties. In a few other cases my selections may possibly be questioned, but it is my firm belief that the men I have mentioned could defend their titles against the combined athletes of the world.

The only possible chance of robbing these champions of a position on the American Olympic team is the sudden development of an athlete yet unknown between now and the first of next June, when the final formation of this country's team will be made.

The indoor championship games to be held in Madison Square Garden Dec. 26 and 27 will be a grand opportunity of seeing the value of these athletes. The performance of these stars at the games should convince the Olympic selection committee, which will be present, that it won't be necessary for them to look much further for athletes than the rough jousts will be held in the spring.

Considering the records established this year, which has been remarkable from an athletic viewpoint, the following list contains the names of athletes who have been strongest in the standard events. Here's my All-American team for 1911:

Gwynn Henry, Texas—100 yards, 9.4-5 seconds.

R. C. Craig, Michigan—200 yards, 21.1-5 seconds.

E. F. Linberg, Chicago A. A.—40 yards, 4.6 seconds.

W. D. Sheppard, I. A. A. C.—50 yards, 1 minute 33 seconds.

J. P. Jones, Cornell—One mile, 4 minutes 15.5 seconds.

G. V. Bonhag, I. A. A. C.—Five miles, 34 minutes 38 seconds.

Lewis Scott, Princeton—Ten miles, 55 minutes 20 seconds.

F. A. Christman, Yale—Ten miles, 55.25 seconds.

J. J. Eiler, I. A. C.—22-yard hurdles, 21.45 seconds.

F. Kaker, N. Y. A. C.—One-mile walk, 1 minute 5 seconds.

H. Grumpeit, N. Y. A. C.—Running high jump, 6 feet 11.4 inches.

Platt Adams, N. Y. A. C.—Running broad jump, 23 feet 9.4 inches.

Matt McGrath, unattached—Hammer throw, 173 feet 7 inches.

D. P. Ahearne, Chicago—Hoop-step jump, 51 feet 3.4 inches.

BIG CITIES TO SEND TEAMS TO INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Royal W. Gill, the sterling sprinter of Baltimore, has sent in his entry for the 60 and 100 yards events at the indoor championships to be held in Madison Square Garden on Dec. 26-27. Gill hopes to make the trip to Sweden as a member of the American Olympic team of 1912, and has trained hard for this championship meeting. He won the 60-yard dash in 1909 from a very fast field and thinks he can beat it again.

In addition to Gill, Baltimore will also send on Barnett, McDonald and Elphinstone for the weights, hurdles and long-distance events respectively. Buffalo athletes will also be among the out-of-town competitors who will show in the Garden on December 26 and 27. Friedman, Driscoll and Burkhardt are the men who will come on from

School Boys Begin Tourney For Basketball Title

Six Games Scheduled To-Day
in Public Schools Athletic
League Event.

PLAY in the Public Schools Athletic League annual basketball tournament will start to-day with six games. Newtown, last year's champion, opens the tourney with Commercial. The game begins at 2.30 P. M. at the Columbia Club of Whitehouse. In the official for the game will be Messrs. Gorman and Lowenthal.

Stuyvesant, the runners-up in last season's tournament and two-time winner before last year, will play its first game with the team of Erasmus Hall. High of Brooklyn. The game will be played to-night at the Seventy-first Street armory at Stuyvesant's indoor games. Messrs. Kato and Dini will officiate. The Stuyvesant squad, which is being coached by Dr. Way, numbers six. They are Robert, Rosenbergs, Eisenwald, Farber, Miller and Gagliardi.

The Fifteenth Street school has already played several games. They lost, again to-night.

M. J. Sheridan, I. A. A. C.—Discus, 141 feet 4 inches.
O. Snedigar, San Francisco—Javelin, 166 feet.
F. McDonald, I. A. A. C.—Shot, 49 feet 11.2 inches.
E. T. Cook, Cleveland—Pole vault, 12 feet 6 inches.
H. C. Bury, N. Y. A. C.—Running, 11 minutes 3 seconds.
C. Walsh, Seattle—4 lbs. for height, 16 feet 3 inches.
William Kramer, I. A. C.—Cross-country, 3 minutes 3 seconds.
F. Thompson, Chicago.
J. P. Jones—Champion all-around runner.
Platt Adams champion all-around field athlete.

Conclusively showing that interest in athletics in New York at present is at fever heat, it will be seen that Gotham supplied 9 of the 23 men on the accompanying table.

Space forbids me to explain my reasons in placing the aforementioned men on my team. The records are authentic. Only in case of John Paul Jones and Platt Adams, who stood out in the field of athletics like sunflowers in a field, do I deem it necessary to relate briefly their prowess on the track and field this year.

JONES THE SENSATION OF 1911

SEASON.

John Paul Jones, the Cornell flyer, has been the sensation of the year. His record is a fitting monument to his performances on the track. This youth, who took to athletics as a last resort to build up a rundown constitution, has demonstrated his superiority all the way from a half mile to six.

His running is the greatest ever seen in the college ranks. In the half-mile intercollegiate record, and not content with this wonderful feat, he trained for and smashed the intercollegiate and world record in the mile. Over the longer route he displayed his ability by defeating his cross-country victory of 1910.

While it is true that his team-mate, Berns, holds the two-mile American record, it is said on good authority that Jones is many seconds faster. Truly, Jones is a marvel.

Platt Adams appears to have the best chance of securing the greatest number of individual points at the Olympic games. Always a standing jumper of the world, he has been a consistent thrower of no mean ability. He showed his class as a running high jumper by clearing six feet and one inch at the recent indoor championships.

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LOSE AT STOCKHOLM.

Adams also possesses a record of 135 feet for the javelin. 23 feet 11 inches in the running broad jump, 47 feet in the standing broad jump, 44 feet for the standing broad jump, 44 feet for the 15-pound shot, 35 feet 6 inches in the three standing shot, and has a record of 22 feet 11 inches in the 12-pound shot.

These performances would land him a place in almost any championship, and, judging from the present outlook, it would seem as if Uncle Sam will have to depend on Adams to win the all-around championship event, namely the pentathlon and decathlon.

While these two stars are the most versatile performers on the team, this country is certain of winning points if the other athletes represent us at Stockholm.

In a general array of champions and stars it is difficult to see where the United States should not defeat her nearest rivals at the Olympic games by at least two to one.

ITALIAN CHAMPION

AT LAST GETS CHANCE

TO TACKLE ZBYSKO.

Giovanni Battevoli, the Italian champion wrestler, got the chance he has been clamoring for last night when Stanislav Zbyzsko agreed to meet him in handicap match in Madison Square Garden Christmas night. Jack Herrman, the Pole's manager, arrived from the West yesterday and the match was made in a few hours.

The conditions of the contest call for Zbyzsko to throw the Italian three times within an hour and a half. Should Battevoli secure one fall, the Italian will be declared the winner. Battevoli was expected to win until late yesterday afternoon that Frank Gotch would have a representative on hand to look on.

When he failed to show up, the Italian lost no time in getting down to business with Herrman. With the exception of the fact that Christmas night's contest will be under catch-as-catch-can rules, the minor details of the match will be open until next Monday night, when a referee will also be selected. Battevoli and Zbyzsko were present at last night's conference and were introduced to the big throng who crowded the Garden at the six-day cycle race.

GIBBONS LIKES NEW YORK.
Some weeks ago Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul welterweight, and myself arrived in New York to take part in a few boxing matches here. We, of course, had some doubts as to our treatment in this strange land. Now that we are about to leave the East after Mike has boxed Young Elmer in Philadelphia to-night, we take this opportunity of addressing you a few words of appreciation for the kind consideration we have received at the hands of the sporting writers of New York. Mike and myself have enjoyed every minute of our stay in the East, and we sincerely regret leaving it so soon. From one return to St. Paul, Billy Brennan, the National League umpire, has arranged a homecoming for us, and despite this big send-off in our home town we will return to New York as soon as possible after the holidays.

In the event of our being unable to call on you personally, we desire to thank you on behalf of Mike and myself and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

M. J. GIBBONS AND EDDIE REDDY.

MANAGER.

BILL Donovan Shakes Nitchie.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—In one of the most hotly contested bouts ever staged at the Nonpareil Club Billy Donovan was entitled to a shade the better of Young Nitchie, his Kensington rival in a six-round bout.

Donovan, who was in the lead at the end of the first round, was knocked out by Nitchie in the second round. The bout was a close one, and the referee, who was in the ring, was in a difficult position. He was in a difficult position, and the referee was in a difficult position.

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